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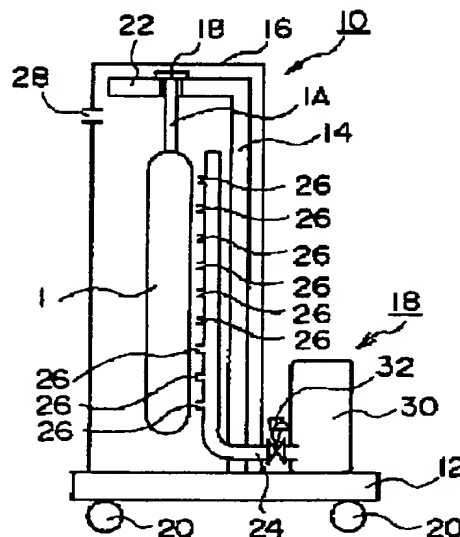
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TITLE : APPARATUS FOR TRANSPORTING
OPTICAL FIBER PREFORM



ABSTRACT : PROBLEM TO BE SOLVED: To obtain an apparatus for transporting an optical fiber preform capable of transporting the preform outside a clean room as well.

SOLUTION: This apparatus has a base plate 12, an optical fiber preform fixing member 14 which is disposed on the base plate 12, an housing vessel 16 which houses the optical fiber preform 1 fixed onto the optical fiber preform fixing member 14 together with the optical fiber preform fixing member 14 and an air supplying device 18 which supplies clean air into the housing vessel 16. The housing vessel 16 and the air supplying device 18 are connected by an air supplying pipe 24. Clean air is fed into the housing vessel 16 from the air supplying device 18, by which the atmosphere in the housing vessel 16 is held at a positive pressure with the clean air.

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